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An Easter splash ...

photo by Shelley Brolsma

The Didsbury Aquatic Center's Easter Fun Camps attracted many youthful faces over the Easter Break. The camps ran from April 16 to 20.

Mayor Lea will not seek re-election in fall election

by Shelley Brolsma

After serving the Town of Didsbury for nine years as our Mayor, Ray Lea says he won't be seeking re-election in the fall.

Lea made the announcement at the April 18th council meeting and says it is a decision he won't regret. "I feel I have done the best job I could have during the time I have been able to serve the town as their Mayor," Lea says. "I want to spend more time with my wife, my children, and my seven grandchildren. They have all been very supportive of me in the past and it's time to give something more back as well as focusing more attention on my own business (Ray Lea Construction)."

During his tenure with the Town, Lea dedicated 14-25 hours per week to his duties as Mayor; a fact he accepts as an essential part of carrying out his job successfully. "When you are on a job as a volunteer, you know what kinds of sacrifices are going to have to be made, and you accept that. I certainly don't re-

gret the time I've spent doing my job as Mayor...The people of Didsbury have treated me very, very well. I really enjoyed the council I have had to work with...they made my job so much easier than it could have been. It's really been a joy to work with all of them."

Lea advises anyone entering into politics, and in particular the role of Mayor, always listen to their constituents first before drawing their own conclusions about any issue.

"There is a lot of pressure when you are trying to weigh the best decisions to run your council...it's not always going to be an easy road to travel. I just hope that whoever fills the position of Mayor, he or she realizes that they have to be willing to listen to everything the public has to say on any issue and not to expect that you will know everything. There is a lot to learn. You never stop."

Equally vital to the role of the next Mayor, Lea says, is the value of working with an excellent staff,

council and administration. "I can't thank them all enough for how much they have contributed to the many, many successes we have experienced. Everyone, especially Evan Parliament, have been just fantastic to work with. All very highly skilled and easy to work with. I have been very fortunate."

Reflecting on the past nine years with the Town, Mayor Lea cites his work in helping to keep the Hospital open in Didsbury as one of the most memorable feats. "It was a very moving evening... 1300 people showed up to the public meeting to show their support. Their dedication to this community was just overwhelming. It's a day I'll never forget," says Mayor Lea, adding it was also his birthday. "I can't remember ever being to such a rewarding meeting."

Looking forward, Lea hopes to spend more time with his wife to whom he admits to owe his success. "She has offered the best feedback I could ever hope for and has been the cornerstone to everything that has been a success in the time I've spent as Mayor."

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Rules established for regional health authority elections

New rules are in place to govern candidate eligibility, the nomination process and other details relating to this October's election of regional health authority members.

"Interested Albertans now can evaluate their eligibility and make plans to run for election or stand for appointment," said Gary Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness. "Plans for the election and appointment process are now in place, and regional health authorities and municipalities can begin to move forward."

Highlights of new government regulations under the *Regional Health Authorities Act* include:

- Two-thirds of the members of each regional health authority will be elected. The Minister will appoint one-third of the board members no later than 30 days after the election. The term for elected and appointed members in three years.

- The Minister of Health and Wellness will appoint a returning officer for each regional health authority whose

responsibilities will include receiving nominations, compiling the results, declaring the results and providing information to the public and media.

- Eligibility requirements for candidates running for election are similar to the requirements for municipal officials and school trustees. For example, every candidate must be 18, a Canadian citizen, resident of Alberta for six months, a resident of the region, complete a special form that is signed by 25 electors and deposit \$200. The regulation also spells out

who is ineligible, such as employees of regional health authorities of Alberta Health and Wellness.

- The chair of each regional health authority will be appointed by the Minister of Health and Wellness, and can be either an elected or an appointed member.

To support the elections, the new regulations also permit the Minister to set electoral boundaries within each health region. Minor adjustments will be made to regional boundaries to more closely align them with municipal districts. Details on the new electoral districts and how candidates will represent those districts will be announced in the next few weeks.

The application process for appointed positions will be publicly advertised at the end of April, and interested members of the public will be able to obtain nomination packages and submit application. A nomination panel will interview candidates and make recommendations to the Minister. This is

consistent with the process used previously for regional health authority appointments and with government-wide policy for appointment to boards. The appointments will help ensure an appropriate balance of experience and expertise on each board.

"I urge every eligible Albertan to participate, either by voting, running for election or standing for appointment," said Mar. "This is a vital opportunity to have a direct say in how health care services are delivered."

Nomination forms for appointment positions will be available at local MLA constituency offices, regional health authority offices and Alberta Health and Wellness starting April 20, 2001.

Nomination forms for elected positions will be available at municipal offices, regional health authority offices and Alberta Health and Wellness in early May. The forms will be posted on the Alberta Health and Wellness website at www.health.gov.ab.ca.

Health Authority 5 joins province - wide Meningococcal immunization

Health Authority 5 residents should watch for information about local meningococcal immunization dates and times. As the province-wide program gets underway in the first week of May, Health Authority 5 will be gearing up for their own start date of May 14th. All HA5 residents aged 2 to 24 who have not been immunized will be eligible.

HA5's meningococcal immunization program will be offered to all students from grades 1 - 12 starting the week of May 14th. Albertans between 2 & 24 years, including preschoolers, students that miss the vaccination at school or who are under the age of 25 and are not attending public school, can be immunized at special clinic days in June. Health Authority 5 is scheduling dates and places for immunizations in May and June, and will be informing residents, and staff through newspaper and radio advertisements, posters, school information, media and MLA offices. Times and locations will be announced as the date draws closer.

Albertans should make every effort to be vaccinated in the health region in which they reside. Proof of age and residence, such as driver's license, envelope address or student ID, is required; please wear short sleeves. The vaccine provides 80 to 85 per cent protection against developing meningococcal disease. The vaccine is safe with very few side effects. Albertans who have already been vaccinated in the last five years should not be vaccinated a second time.

The provincial campaign, first announced in February, is a continuation of the province's successful meningitis immunization programs in Calgary and Capital Health Authorities and surrounding regions. Over

300,000 young Albertans were immunized in these two programs.

Meningococcal infection is caused by bacteria and can cause two serious diseases: meningococcal meningitis and meningococemia. Meningitis is an inflammation or infection of the membrane that lines the brain and spinal cord. Meningococemia is a more severe infection involving blood and many parts of the body. While antibiotics offer about a 90 to 95 per cent survival rate, that still leaves a 5 to 10 per

cent risk of death, and survivors may have a permanent disability such as paralysis or loss of a limb.

The infection is spread through direct contact with saliva or other fluids from the throat or nose of an infected person. Examples are kissing, sharing drinking glasses, lipstick or cigarettes.

Anyone with questions about the vaccine program should call their local public health office or the toll-free Provincial Meningitis Information Line at 1-866-411-6578.

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Four contestants vying for place as Carstairs royalty

Four contestants have entered the race to become Carstairs Rodeo Queen, including one Westglen student.

by Chris Puglia

The Carstairs rodeo queen and princess competition is officially underway following the annual rodeo appreciation dance and supper held on Saturday.

The dance was the first evening that the Carstairs public had the opportunity to meet the girls that are running for the chance to represent the community this rodeo season.

Four contestants have entered the race this year compared to last year's three and the committee is planning the competition to not only be educational but fun as well.

And, like every year the two girls crowned as queen and princess will be afforded some tremendous opportunities, such as riding in the Stampede Parade which has been a year end tradition for the girls for the past three years.

Although only two of the four girls will be crowned Carstairs royalty during the contestant orientation evening last week current queen Stacey Hannah told the girls to have fun and not to get discouraged.

"Whoever becomes runner up I really push you to go on," said Hannah.

That message was echoed by committee member and 1999 queen Shery-Lee Dyck who first competed for the crown in 1998, but was runner up.

"Even if you're runner up don't let that stop you," she said, adding her second try gave her a tremendous advantage, because she had a better understanding on what the judges were looking for and more importantly more confidence.

This year's four contestant are Jodi-Lynn Krebs, Heather Whitlow, Dallas Stevenson and Megan Crowe.

Krebs a 15-year-old attending West Glen School in Didsbury, is looking at the contest as a confidence builder, she says she hopes to increase her skill in public speaking.

Krebs brings five years of 4-H experience to the contest and excellent horsemanship, a vital component to the contest. One of her aspirations is to one day become a barrel racer.

If she wins as either queen or princess Krebs says she will do her best to represent Carstairs for the next year.

Whitlow a 15-year-old attending Cremona High School is looking forward to the contest sees it as a chance for personal growth.

"I feel like this would be an excellent experience to grow, and meet alot of people and become a better person through it" she says.

Whitlow has five years experience in 4-H and she spends a great deal of time around horses and on horseback. Not only has she ridden in a number of parades she also trains horses and has done a lot of showing, she says.

If she wins as either queen or princess her goal is to be someone other girls can look up to.

"I know I look up to the other girls and I want to be a good role model for the girls that look up to me," she said.

Stevenson a 15-year-old Water Valley resident and a student at Cremona High School says this contest is a chance to get involved in the glamour end of the rodeo.

Stevenson says she has been on the labour end of rodeos, cleaning stalls and the like, and the queen and princess competition will be a nice change.

"I quite like the glamour end of the rodeo, I've been on the working end and it's not that fun," she says.

Stevenson has been in 4-H for two years and she says she has been riding horses since before she could walk.

Last year she was one of the youngest members of the Calgary Bullets Drill team.

If she goes on to become either queen or princess she says she will represent the community to the best of her ability.

Crowe, a 17-year-old Hugh Sutherland High School Student, says she has always looked up to the girls who have been queen and princess and she comes from a family with a history of rodeo royalty.

"Ever since I was a little girl I've wanted to run, my auntie Leslie was the Stampede Queen and I have a couple cousins that were high school rodeo queens," she said. "I've always looked up to them."

For the past four years Crowe has been involved in rodeo as a barrel racer, bringing strong horsemanship to the competition.

She was also a member of 4-H for three years.

If she is crowned either queen or princess she says she will represent Carstairs to the best of her ability through all her public appearances.



Friendship Quilt ...

Marg Weaver stitches the Millenium Friendship Quilt at the Didsbury Museum. The Museum is inviting quilters to put the finishing touches on the quilt, which hangs in the Memorial Room, every Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cipperly's Pond vandalized

For years, the Didsbury Elks Club have tried to maintain Cipperly's Pond as a park where local residents can take their families and friends for an outing for a very minimal cost. There are, however, certain dispicable individuals who think it is just a place to let off steam and at the same time create another dirty dump site. On two week-ends in a row some ignorant so-called adults, young or old, toppled and completely destroyed an outdoor facility which was securely anchored.

Old tires, lawn darts, liquor bottles and cans and other debris

was deposited in the pond. Fires were built on the driveway with nail-laden wood. Plastic paper and condoms were strewn over the site.

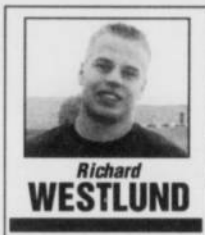
It makes one wonder if it's worth the time and effort for groups like the Elks to look after such facilities when a few brainless individuals want to only destroy public property. Apparently these vandals never think about the future when someday, hopefully, these people grow up and want to take their children to a campground like Cipperly's or any other park in the County but find there are none to be found. The

reason being, of course, the senseless destruction and vandalism by people who have no regard for public property. This was the exact reason that Hiller's Dam was closed last fall.

Cipperly's Pond will be open this summer with a caretaker on site. It will be patrolled by law enforcement agencies and rules WILL be enforced. A notice to whom it may concern. Remember the old adage "what goes around, comes around, maybe sooner than one thinks" so be prepared to pay the price." Also remember, Cipperly's Pond is a campground, not a party house.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Quebec City confrontations



**Richard
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It isn't often that we see demonstrations in Canada, and when we do it is difficult what to make of them.

There have times Canada has been criticized for its political apathetic nature - that its citizens do not take the time to vote or to make their voices heard.

The Summit of the Americas has created a rare occurrence in Canada - passionate demon-

stration. I use the word passionate, because unlike the Bill 11 sit-ins, there has been visible conflict between protesters and the police.

As Quebec City cleans up from the daily proceedings, we are left to try and make sense of it all.

While the nature of the protests seemed extreme and some critics described the protesters as uneducated on the issues discussed at the summit, and that destruction was not the proper way to voice a message, the tactics were somewhat successful. Every evening on every news program images were projected of this fight against the establishment.

A peaceful demonstration or a petition may not have received the attention the protesters got.

Is this something others will use when it is their turn to wave their flag? Was this incident different because the protesters came from other countries as well as Canada? Will Canadians go back to being of an apathetic nature, choosing to complain under their collective breath?

Only future demonstrations will answer those questions. When compared to the recent transit strike, something that affected so many people directly, this was something different.

ponderings of the heart

By Mararet Fradley

Recently, we again became grandparents, and had the opportunity to go and be with our daughter and family to help out for a few days. It was a real joy.

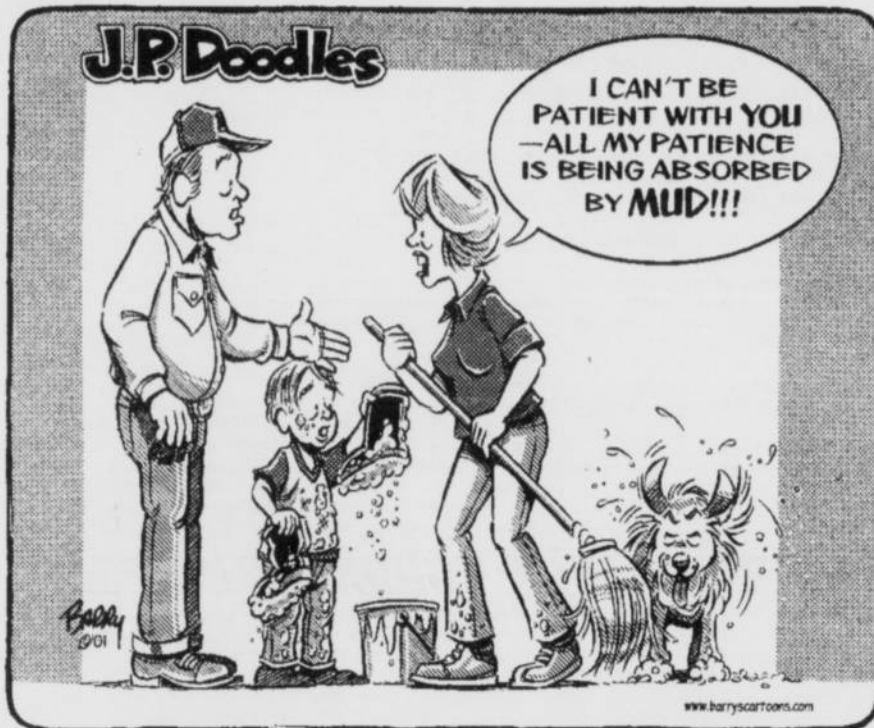
My daughter and husband have a little boy just under two and what a bundle of energy and joy he is. He has a curious and an adventurous spirit, and is fast approaching those "delightful twos". He shows a mind of his own but is priceless.

When his parents sit down on the carpet and give each other a hug, our grandson runs over, spreads out his little arms around them, and joins in the 'family hug', he then walks away, seemingly unconcerned and when his Daddy and Mommy are just about to get up, he runs over and pulls them back together for another hug. This has to be repeated three or four times. This, as well as being hilarious to watch, is just such a sweet and tender thing.

We decided to experiment with Grampa and Gramma and once again those little loving arms reached out for a 'family hug' and embraced us.

There is endless joy being with these little folk.

Now with regard to his new little sister, we aren't sure if perhaps when Grampa and Gramma returned home, they might take this wee new comer home with them, but he showed a lot of wonder and curiosity as he peeked at her in her bassinette. We felt he had made a very good beginning in welcoming his little sister into their family circle.



Notes from Nigeria

Trip to Kenya was a battle

Dear Family and friends,

You haven't heard from us for a couple of weeks because we were at an Educational Conference, International Christian Educators' Conference in Kenya. We had a great time and it may take more than one letter to tell you about it.

Getting everything ready to leave Nigeria is always a chore. I had to get someone to cover the library for the four school days I would be gone. Then we had to make sure we had valid re-entry visas so we could get back into the country. We had to find someone to take care of the animals while we were gone. As an American, I also had to check out at the Aliens Office. Dan went down to the KLM/Kenya Air office to reconfirm our tickets. Dan had traveled to Ilorin the week before we left and didn't get back until Saturday so he needed to finish some things up before he could be gone for two weeks. We ended up packing the night before and finishing it off the morning we left. Finally, we were ready to go.

The school driver took us to the Jos airport. There was very little traffic so we arrived in good time to find that the flight was going to be late. We found a place to sit and got our books out. Everything went smoothly on the flight. The plane was actually in much better shape than the last one we rode in Nigeria. All the seats were attached, the seat backs and tray tables stayed where they were supposed to and the armrests were all there. Some other teachers that flew down later in the week weren't quite so lucky. Their plane was okay but because there were so many people that wanted to travel, they put three people in two seats and four people in the three seat section. There aren't even enough seat belts for that!

We had to stay overnight in Lagos and it was hot and humid. We stayed at the Baptist Guesthouse which does have air conditioning... when there is electricity. There was no electricity until after dark so we didn't want to do much. Fortu-

nately, the electricity came back on at night and we could get a fairly good night's sleep.

The next morning we went to the international airport to check in for our flight to Nairobi. I don't think I have ever been in a slower-moving line! First, we had to stand in one line to show our passports. Then wait in another line for them to check to see if we were on the manifest. After an hour's wait we found out that we were not on the manifest. They had not reconfirmed our flight like we were told in Jos. I was told to wait with the luggage while Dan went up to the office to get things straightened out. Another hour went by and I was still standing there. Upstairs in the office there was just a mass of people trying to get on the flight. By this time it was time for the flight to leave. A supervisor came by and asked me what was going on, why I was still waiting there. I explained what had happened and he said that since we were just going to Nairobi, and did not have a connecting flight, we could go ahead and check in but that we needed to hurry if we didn't want to miss the flight. Dan was still upstairs and I was guarding the luggage. I could not carry all of it up to get Dan so the supervisor said he would watch it while I ran upstairs. We hurried back and went to get the luggage checked in. Just as they started that process the computers went down. So another 20 minute wait while they manually produced the luggage tags. There were about 30 other people trying to get on the flight and only about 10 seats available.

First class was quite nice. We had our own video screen and could choose which movie we wanted to watch. We had plenty of leg space. I couldn't even reach the seat in front of me without getting out of my seat. We had great food served on real plates (not plastic trays) and excellent service. After the hassle we had before, it was very nice.

Love, Janet and Dan



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Democratic leaders trampling on democratic rights

Dear Editor,

Though the TV media have given it little or no viewing coverage of it, a veritable wall has been built around the venue of the upcoming Summit of the Americas in Quebec City. It seems that our democratic leaders, with all their apparent concern about civil rights in countries such as Cuba, for example, are trampling on the rights of their own citizens. A lawyer friend of mine cites four cases of this in the preparations that are under way in Quebec City. They are:

1.) Contravention of the Emergencies Act in their totalitarian use of force without due procedure and declaration of an emergency.

2.) A complete breach of the historically entrenched constitutional rights, from the Magna Carta to our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, for peaceful assembly and expression.

3.) The rulings of the Supreme Court of Canada and the U.S. Courts quite clearly rule this type of complete silencing and encampment of free speech and assembly unconstitutional.

4.) These measures are done to appease 34 foreign leaders and delegates, and corporate citizens attending the gala are allowed entry for \$500,000 while private citizens are criminalized for their attempts to participate.

Our government has taken the precaution to secure this

corporate gathering through the use of some 6,000 police, military, CSIS and private security forces. How many CIA and FBI agents will be present to supervise the operation can only be guessed.

Your readers should be aware that this corporate strategy meeting and all the others that citizens around the world have seen fit to protest is part and parcel of the global-elite steamroller we have come to call "globalization" or "The New World Order."

They should pay close attention to events in Quebec City during April 20 to 22, since they will have a profound effect on the future of the planet and all who call it home. They should

also keep in mind that:

"The constitution of Canada does not belong either to Parliament, or to the Legislatures; it belongs to the country and it is there that the citizens of the country will find the protection

of the rights to which they are entitled" (Supreme Court of Canada, A.G. of Nova Scotia and A.G. of Canada, S.C.R. 1951 pp 32).

Keith E. Leal,
Pincher Creek, Alberta

To a place with golden streams...

Dear Editor,

We have taken our first steps into a millennium that offers the fulfillment of any thought, any dream...But with this comes a silence, we are realizing our actions from every moment have an effect on ourselves, others and our world. Now more than ever I realize the way we have chosen to live day to day, is not a sustainable, earth, air and water loving way to live. Our nest is continuously fouled with the poisonous leftovers of the easy way.

Not surprising is the fanatical lure of reality shows like *Survivor*. I myself have watched from the beginning, in an effect "joining the tribe", contemplating what would I do in the same situations. Simple tasks such as making a fire by hand prove to be too much even for a group of 16. Could you survive? Most of us have lost our hunter/gatherer instincts, to the matrix of becoming professional consumers.

Deciding to change our lives by recycling, driving less, and consuming less harmful products will not alone save our planets health. We all need to draw on the positive thoughts of family, friends, and people we interact with every moment, then take action. Dependence on our non-renewable re-

sources is the underlying cause of massive global problems.

I am throwing down the gauntlet---this is a challenge I can not face alone. Please join me with your ideas, comments, suggestions and assistance. The ancient wisdom that can save our planet has always been with you.

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| • DP 19-01 | • 1348-25 Street | • Single Family Dwelling | • R1 |
| • DP 25-01 | • 104 Westridge Place | • Single Family Dwelling | • R1 |
| • DP 26-01 | • 2130-22 Avenue | • Extended Deck & Solarium | • R2 |
| • DP 27-01 | • 1334-22 Street | • Dwelling Unit Fourplex | • R2 |
| • DP 28-01 | • 925-22 Street | • Veranda | • R2 |
| • DP 29-01 | • 1517 Walter Place | • Single Family Dwelling w/ Waiver of rear yard | • R2 |
| • HO 06-01 | • 1401-18 Avenue | • Home Occupation w/ conditions | • R2 |

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on May 9, 2001.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Town of Didsbury Family and Community Support Services Board is seeking volunteers. This Board acts as an Advisory Board to Town Council. The role of this Board is to encourage, promote, support, and at times, initiate programs and activities which will enhance the quality of life for the people of the Didsbury Municipal area. The F.C.S.S. Board addresses matters pertaining to family services and social development within Didsbury and District. To express interest, or for more information, please contact Alana Hagel at 335-7369 or ahagel@town.didsbury.ab.ca

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Alberta police join forces to catch high-risk drivers

In an effort to increase safety police units have joined forces

During the month Of April, police services across Alberta have targeted speed and high-risk driving behaviours including impaired driving, seatbelt non-use or misuse, stop sign violations, and pedestrian, motorcycle and intersection safety.

From April 7th to April 14th, municipal and rural police services begin a week-long, province-wide integrated enforcement campaign.

"We're very pleased to see this collaboration among police and other organizations concerned about traffic safety," says Alberta Solicitor General Heather Forsyth.

"Albertans must know wherever they drive in this province, police will be on the look-out for drivers who ignore traffic safety laws and compromise the safety of our communities."

The Alberta Speed Management Group

This integrated enforcement campaign is co-ordinated by the Alberta Speed Management Group.

The ASMG is a MISSION POSSIBLE partnership of the following traffic experts who work together to manage speed through advocacy efforts, speed limit reviews, education and awareness programs and focused enforcement across police jurisdictions:

- * Alberta Solicitor General
- * Alberta Transportation
- * Alberta Motor Association
- * City of Calgary
- * Calgary Police Service

- * City of Edmonton
- * Edmonton Police Service
- * Strathcona County
- * Royal Canadian Mounted Police,

Edmonton Police Chief Bob Wasylyshen says, "Our goal is to change dangerous attitudes and driving behaviours. Ultimately, police traffic enforcement is about preventing traffic deaths and injuries."

"We hope the threat of getting a ticket will influence drivers to think twice before stepping on the gas or running that red light."

"It is our belief that speed is a strong contributing factor in many of the collisions we investigate," says Chief Jack Beaton, Calgary Police Service. "It is important for drivers to know that respecting the rules of the road will only create a safer environment for all motorists."

"Many high-risk behaviours contribute to fatal and injury crashes in Alberta," says Chief Superintendent Rick Bowlby, RCMP "K" Division. "We'll be focusing on seatbelt and stop sign violations, impaired drivers and excessive speed."

Major awareness campaign

In support of police efforts across the province, partners in MISSION POSSIBLE will launch a television, radio, billboard and print campaign featuring the tag line: speed will catch up with you.

"We hope this campaign will encourage drivers to understand the dangers of speeding. Speed affects every aspect of driving- from reaction time to stopping distance to severity of impact. Whatever the mistake- running a stop sign or not wearing a seatbelt- speed will worsen the consequences," says Rob Taylor, Alberta Motor Association.

ciation, Vice President of Advocacy and Community Services.

Future Collaborative efforts scheduled for the fall.

Throughout the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.) police services will track the number and types of violations recorded during the campaign and use this information to develop a second campaign in the fall.

MISSION POSSIBLE is a traffic safety partnership working to reduce the number and severity of collisions on Alberta's roads.

Partners include the Alberta Motor Association, municipal police services, RCMP, regional health authorities, government, Coalition of Alberta Automobile Insurers, corporations, industry and concerned individuals across the province.

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Didsbury resident studied at a distance, completed University Certificate

Kathrin Bayley of Didsbury was among nine Athabasca University students to successfully complete a University Certificate this month. Completed at a distance using a combination of delivery methods, University Certificate programs provide interim qualifications in specific subject areas.

Bayley was awarded a University Certificate in Accounting, which is primarily for students who want to develop skills and knowledge appropriate for an accounting professional. The 30-credit program has been designed so students may, with careful selection of options, complete the courses that make up the first three years of the training required by the professional accounting associations.

Athabasca University has 25,000 students completing courses and credentials, all studying at a distance. Canada's largest and fastest growing distance education university, it was founded in 1970.

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For more information on the University Cer-

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Student awarded scholarship to top academic program

by Chris Puglia

What do you get when you combine intensive academic learning, innovative thought, university level thinking and all the fun and excitement of a summer camp?

The answer is Shad Valley, an innovative leadership program emphasizing science, technology, and entrepreneurship, in a program designed to challenge the mind, skills and creativity of top academic students across the country.

The program runs for four weeks from July 1st to 27th and is housed in 11 university campuses from coast to coast and local student Justin Jones will be one of six Chinook's Edge Students to ever attend the program.

Not only will 17-year-old Jones, a senior at Hugh Sutherland School, have the unique opportunity of being exposed to the Shad Valley Program he will also have the chance to experience a new region of the country.

Part of the program encourages students to experience university campus life away from home and it would be hard for Jones' destination to get him farther away from his home town of Carstairs without leaving the country.

In July Jones will travel to the University of New Brunswick located in Fredericton where he will flex his intellectual muscles and gain exposure with leading Canadian companies and top professionals from a variety of fields.

Five-hundred-fifty students are selected on an annual basis to attend the program that began in 1981 and there are currently 6,400 alumni from the program who occupy the technical and management ranks of major Canadian industries.

Following the Incredible experience Shad Valley promises over its four week duration it follows up with a summer work term in a variety of possible fields with a host of companies

Shad Valley Alumni have been introduced to summer employment in the areas of big-medical research, software engineering as well as market research and public relations, and more positions are added each year.

Jones says he is excited about the opportunity and sees it as a chance to gain some direction in terms of his future goals, while interacting with some of the nations finest.

"I think I'll gain a direction in life and an edge almost, over other people," says Jones.

"I saw it to be a great opportunity and I thought it be nice to be stacked up against the nations finest."

Jones was selected as one of the top applicants

which surprised him, but he doesn't want to look like he is bragging about his accomplishment he says he worked hard to get where he is

"It wasn't handed to me on a silver platter," he

said. "I'm very thankful for this and I worked very hard to get here."

Aside from the academic experience Jones will be gaining he will also have the opportunity to experience a different re-

gion and culture of Canada as this will be his first trip to New Brunswick.

Because there is a tuition cost to attend the program Jones was fortunate to get the backing of

a number of individuals from various oil companies who are associated with Jones' mother Jamie.

Through that generosity more than \$2,000 was raised to assist Jones in fulfilling his dream.



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Public opinion sought for MPR expansion project



by Shelley Brotsma

The crowds at the open house detailing the various expansion options for the Multipurpose Room Expansion may have been sparse, but the opinions gathered proved invaluable to town organizers this past week.

Two different dates were chosen for residents in and around Didsbury to come and view the architecturally-designed expansion models for the Multi-Purpose Room Thursday, April 19th or Saturday, April 21 st.

So far, of three different alternatives they have had to choose from, the majority of area residents favor Option #2 which includes an expanded Multipurpose Room without a gymnasium and which is estimated to cost \$1,300,000. The plan details a total addition to the MPR of 12,875 square feet, and addition of 1800 square feet to the main area, an enhanced kitchen, fitness room, sport and cultural area, washrooms, entries, coat room and parking area to east and north of the building.

"The crowds have been a little down, but I think those that have come by have given us an indication which plan they prefer," says Rhonda Hunter, Facilities Manager.

"I'm a firm believer that once a project is endorsed the community, people will fly with it."

The other two options presented to the community included Option #1 (estimated cost \$600,000) and Option #2 with a Gymnasium (estimated cost \$2 million). Option #1 offers a scaled-down expansion of 5260 square feet and an addition of 1300 square feet to the main area, (but no gymnasium, fitness room or sport and cultural area). Option #2 with a Gymnasium offers an increased square footage to accommodate for a 75' X 95' gymnasium.

Hunter says funding for the proposed renovations to the MPR will come, in part, from a \$225,000 Enhancement Reserve they hold with the Town. "We are also going to be applying for the 2005 Centennial Grant which could be worth up to \$700,000 if we can get it. There's also the CFEP (Community Facilities Enhancement Program) Grant as well as sponsorships, donations and fundraising activities." Hunter hopes to see the funding in place by 2002.

"Our next step from here is to do another mailout to the community to try to garner even more response as to which option we should pursue," says Hunter. "If all goes well, we are anticipating a spring 2003 start date for construction."

Meetings to gather feedback for improvements and information from user groups date back as far as March of 1998 when discussions were still in the preliminary phase. Anyone still interested in providing feedback about the proposed project is encouraged to attend the sessions or visit the Recreation and Facilities Office to submit their ideas.

Despite a small turnout, much input was given to town organizers for the multi-purpose room project.

Plans put in place for 8th Annual Show and Shine event

In three short weeks the streets of Didsbury's downtown core will be lined up with to 200 vintage automobiles for the 8th Annual Show and Shine Event.

Saturday, May 12th will mark the day of the largest local exhibition of independently - owned vintage and customized vehicles. Organizer Glen Smith says enthusiasts come from places like Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge... even Surrey, B.C. to take part in the festivities of this well-known showcase event.

"This should be our biggest event yet...The number of entries has gone up each year and last year we were up to 199 vehicles. We advertised in the Old Car Trader magazine this year, so we're expecting a great turnout," says Smith adding that all entries are on a first-come, first-serve basis. "The first 150 entries get dash plaques and goody bags and lots of chances at door prizes from the local merchants."

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- Glen Smith,
Show and Shine organizer

But that's just the start of the festivities that will be going on during the Event this year. "Because Show and Shine is taking place the day before Mother's Day this year, we will be handing out carnations to the ladies. There will also be balloons for the kids, a \$500 cash draw, T-shirt and raffle ticket sales, and lots of great music playing throughout the day from the 50's and 60's." In addition, Smith says there will also be a model con-

test and toy sale taking place that same day at the Elk's Hall, and (if plans materialize) a Swap Meet at the curling rink the night before. "The Swap Meet will be set up primarily for people who are looking for a particular part from a vintage vehicle - be a bumper, or a wheel cover or whatever."

The Didsbury Show and Shine Event has come a long way from its roots eight years ago. "We started out holding this event on a Friday evening eight years ago," explains Smith. "It was part of the festivities organized to help the Chamber of Commerce promote their own activity when they used to show movies on the old elevator."

Anyone wishing to attend this year's Show and Shine Event can take a stroll downtown anytime between 10am - 2pm on Saturday, May 12th. As is tradition, an Awards Presentation and Draws will be taking place at 4pm. "Now all we have to do is hope that the weather cooperates!" says Smith.

National Immunization Awareness Week, May 13 to 19

Vaccines are still a child's best shot against disease

When their 13-month old daughter was in a fight for her life against meningitis, Penny and Lyall Langlois of Pembroke, Ontario, struggled with a lot of emotions - fear, guilt and sheer disbelief.

"We never thought in a million years it could happen to us," recalls Penny. "It was the most traumatic thing we'd ever experienced."

During National Immunization Awareness Week, which takes place May 13 to 19, communities across Canada will be spreading the word about how to avoid what the Langlois family has endured.

The message is simple: vaccinations are a child's "best shot" for protection against six diseases: diphtheria, polio, tetanus, whooping cough, rubella and Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib).

"Hib," which used to be the most common form of childhood meningitis, is what caught up with Sarah

Langlois.

Within hours of arriving at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), Sarah had stopped breathing. Her hands and legs were swollen.

As Penny and Lyall watched, a team of doctors swarmed around their young daughter, and managed to save her life.

"The doctors called her the 'miracle baby,'" says Penny.

Looking back Penny can identify several reasons why Sarah, unlike her two older brothers, was never vaccinated.

With three children, two jobs and a hobby farm, Penny and Lyall never found time to get to the local health unit, which usually only gave kids their shots on Fridays.

"Either the kids were sick or we couldn't get off work," Penny says. "Or else it was just such a nice day that we'd always say, 'let's go next Friday.'"

They also had friends whose anti-vaccination beliefs had lulled them into complacency.

"In the back of my mind, I kept thinking that vaccinating was not that important," recalls Penny.

In fact, childhood diseases are still very much with us, and vaccination remains the best protection.

Historically, when immunization levels drop, diseases, returns with a vengeance. In the former Soviet Union, for example, there was 839 cases of diphtheria in 1989. By 1994, with the collapse of the health care system after the Cold War, there were 50,000 cases, leading to 1,700 deaths.

There is nothing to stop diphtheria, or other diseases, from travelling to Canada. In this era of rapid globalization, disease travels faster than ever, putting Canadians at serious risk.

Indeed, health Canada has already expressed its concern

"Sarah has suffered so much in her little life. We want to encourage parents to get informed and ask questions so they don't go through what we did."

- Penny Langlois, mother of miracle baby

about the low immunization rates for diphtheria. Even if a child survives exposure to a disease, it can be a long road to recovery. It took two months of therapy before Sarah Langlois could crawl, sit and eat by herself again. Meanwhile, the antibiotics that saved her life also depleted her immune system, making her easy prey for colds and viruses. This, in turn, continues to set her recovery back.

"Whenever she's run down, she loses all of her balance,"

says Penny.

Penny and Lyall, who are both puppeteers, help children deal with social issues like bullying, self-esteem and substance abuse.

Now they would like to use puppets to promote more awareness about immunization - both for kids and parents.

"Sarah has suffered so much in her little life," Penny says. "We want to encourage parents to get informed and ask questions so they don't go through what we did."

Mount View Lodge's Auxiliary Spring Tea raises over \$2,000

by Annie Cauch

Hi all -

Hope you all had a Happy Easter! The weather could have been better.

A goodly number of our residents were able to get out for a bit with family or friends and we saw lots of visitors around.

The big event since the last "news" was the Auxiliary Spring Tea. Our thanks to all who contributed in any way.

Students named for honour roll

Didsbury High School identified students who have achieved honour roll status for this term. In order to qualify for the honour roll, high school students must have an 80% average in their top 15 credits at the end of each period.

This year the grade 10 students who have made the honour roll list are Kim Aarts, Elizabeth Blakely, Justin

The attendance was down a bit from some years but they raised a little over \$2000.00! This was excellent! The door prize winners were 1. Josephine Benedek, 2. Dorothy Robertson, 3. Yvette Le Tourneau. Raffle winners were Afghan Doris Morgan, Quilt Dorothy Christensen, plant Dorothy Robertson. Congratulations all.

One afternoon, "Wes and Wendy" special entertainers

from Edmonton gave us a pleasant afternoon. Another day residents from the Carstairs lodge came for a shuffle board tournament and stayed for dinner.

On Good Friday evening Eva Boffey and Merle Matchullis entertained with Gospel music. Thanks so much.

In Hospital we have Alma Lennot. We hope to see you home soon.

Christina van Besouw.

Sarah, Banick, Jody Dalziel, Christy Eckert, David Kosinski, Shenna Marsten and Phil McNeil all made the list from grade 11. Those students on the honour roll from the graduating grade 12 class are Jean Aarts, Lisa Dahl, Scott Dowland, Josh Forestell, Adam Marsden, Charlie Sawatzky and Karla Shultz.

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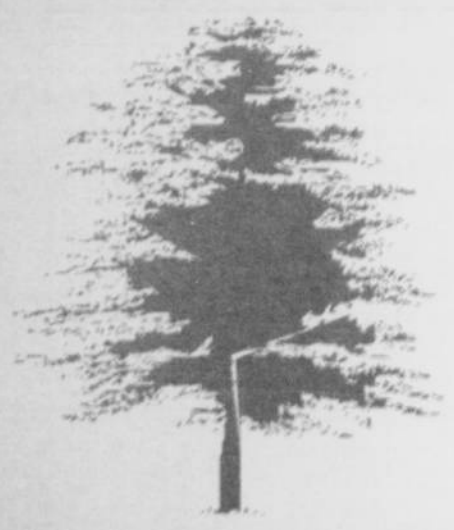
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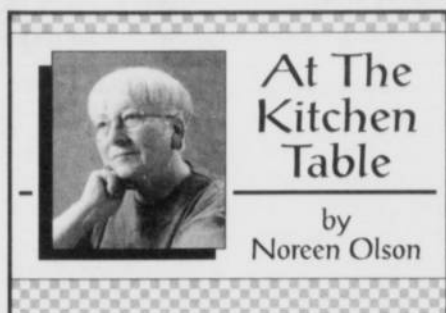
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At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Yesterday, while I was listening to the car radio, a quavery soprano sang a few bars of "Inchworm, Inchworm, measuring the Marigolds..." and I was transported back through time and space to Ferrybank, and into the presence of Miss McIlveena and The Prairie School Broadcast.

Ferrybank was a one room school west of Ponoka, and in about 1945 our teacher, Mr. Blore, was very progressive. We had indoor toilets for heaven sake, Shop and Home Ec. classes, and a winter Hot Lunch Program run by volunteers from the local Women's Institute. For about half an hour each day Mr. Blore read to us from books like Ivanhoe, Ben Hur and Lorna Doone. Ours was the only school in the County where kids called each other things like "varlet, infidel and Saxon swine." He let us choose from a list and then borrowed books from the University Library. We had calisthenics, vitamin pills, school trips, music class and wonderful Christmas concerts. We had outdoor Civics classes where we gathered and painted rocks to line gravel paths and beautify our schoolyard. In winter we had a skating rink and an ice slide. We competed in the County Track meet and we faithfully listened to Miss McIlveena. Mr. Blore was a wonderful teacher and a tireless worker. I don't suppose any of us appreciated him as much as we should have. I adored him, loved all the emphasis on reading, books, literature and composition but pretty well hated the sports and phys. ed. stuff and Miss McIlveena embarrassed me to death.

"Good morning boys and girls," she would warble in her tremulous falsetto. "I hope you have all been very good to each other since I talked to you last week and I am so happy to see all your shining faces once again." I imagined her in a frilly pink dress, lace at throat and wrists, tiny waist and white blond hair in perfectly regimented waves, tightly pursed little mouth in a tiny tight smile, honey dripping from her dainty teeth. I supposed that she had very white hands with long fingernails and that she gestured dramatically as she sang the awful, silly, baby songs that we were expected to sing along with and most dreadful of all "do the motions". "Hinky, Pinky Pider went up the water pout, down came the raindrops and washed the pider out..." Our hands climbed an imaginary drainpipe and then fell as the rain developed, "Out came the Sunshine," Miss McIlveena warbled and we cupped hands to head and beamed at the earth, "and dried up all the rain, Hinky Pinky Pider went up the pout again." Our hands climbed the spout. Oh the shame of it, oh the humiliation. How could Mr. Blore, the epitome of sophistication and intellectual pursuits subject us to this mindless, childish drivel. Okay, maybe grades one, two and three but grade four for heaven sake. I couldn't stand it.

Worst of all was the first program in January. "And now boys and girls, who had a birthday since our last program? Oh I see, you and you and you, Oh how wonderful, I hope you had a lovely day and lots of pretty presents. Now all of you come to the front of the classroom while we sing Happy Birthday." Normie Smith and I were the only ones whose birthdays fell in this period and we shambled, red faced and flinching to the front of the Classroom where we stood as far from each other as possible and cringed. "Happy Birthday dear children," Miss McIlveena trilled for what seemed like about an hour before we were allowed to sit down.

I know now that Mr. Blore had attended Normal school with Miss McIlveena and knew her for the very nice and talented woman she was. I also know that she brought a bit of culture and some variety to what was a very basic curriculum. I don't know why she mortified me so much. I do know I have never forgotten her.

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by Noreen Olson

LIFESTYLES

Waterways Restoration Group continues to work on activities

by Shylene Williams

The Mountain View Restoration Group (MVWRG) continues to work through the activities of the sub committees.

The major focus at this time is toward rural residents.

The finance Committee has made funding applications available for waterways restoration projects.

Those wishing to assist Mother Nature in her efforts to keep our county water clean can contact the numbers below for forms and guidelines

The County, in conjunction with MVWRG, is in the process of hiring a watershed coordinator.

The efforts of landowners have been wonderful but the task of coordinating these efforts has grown beyond a volunteer position.

The intensive Livestock Committee has almost completed its first demonstration project and along with the Riparian Committee, is ready to install marker signs, as soon as the ground thaws! These projects are open to viewing by appointment with the landowner.

The acquisition of solar powered, off-site watering units will be a great benefit.

Those livestock owners who wish to try the system can contact the numbers below for scheduling information. Off-site watering and locating salt and minerals away from creeks are two

very effective ways of limiting damage to creek banks from heavy cattle usage.

Of course, buffer strips are the most effective method for crop farmers to reduce damage to the riparian areas. The upcoming "Up the Creek" newsletter, for those with property along a creek, contains information on these issues.

The towns have been coming on line too.

Recognition of urban impacts on water quality is leading to cooperation.

Urban residents can help

keep our water pure.

Oils, paints and chemicals do not belong in our waterways.

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If you would like more information on any of the projects or issues mentioned above please attend our next general meeting, May 3, 7:00 pm at the County Offices. Contact Larry Rice at 335-3311 or Murray Forster at 337-3330.

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Rangers looking to travel to Maritimes

The lull of the Maritimes is getting louder as the First Didsbury Rangers continue to work hard at their goal of raising enough money to make it to the East Coast this summer.

"We are planning to take a 26 day camping trip to the Maritimes - Nova Scotia and Newfoundland - this July," explains local Ranger, Chantelle Wilshusen. "We are really looking forward to making this trip... We want to learn more about our country and be able to meet new people."

In order to meet their goal, five of the eight Didsbury Rangers will continue an appeal to local business owners and residents in town with the hope of securing virtually any odd job. "We sent out a letter about a month ago to all the businesses in town, but so far we haven't had too much of a response. We each need about \$2500.00 to be able to make the trip and whatever we cannot fundraise, we will have to fund ourselves," says Chantelle who intends to return to the Rangers next year in a volunteer capacity.

Wilshusen says their Ranger Leader, Linda Blair, intends on accompanying the Rangers (aged 17-18 years) on the trip. "Most of us have never been to the Maritimes, I know I've been as far east as Saskatchewan, but never all the way to Nova Scotia. I'm really looking forward to making the trip," she adds.

If you would like to help support the First Didsbury Rangers in their efforts to travel to the Maritimes this summer, please call 335-3793 or 335-3806. Those unable to provide any odd job opportunities are encouraged to take part in the Ranger bottle collecting service available until July.

Native speaker to offer Enlightening Testimony

Didsburians will be privy to a unique opportunity to learn more about Christian developments taking place in native communities throughout the province this Sunday, April 29th.

That's when Manfred North Peigan will be coming to speak at the Chinook Winds Christian Centre at 6:00 pm. "He's quite a strategic person, and an excellent presenter," says Chinook Winds Christian Centre Pastor, Beth Kope. "I met him at a conference in Red Deer in February and felt it would be great to have him come here and share his insights."

Kope describes Manfred North Peigan a descendant of chiefs of the the people of the Blackfoot nation. "Manfred has served as an elder at the Brocket Full Gospel Church for nine years and will have just returned from meetings in the North West Territories. There are remarkable developments amongst the native communities visitations of God, miracles and ancient prophecies being fulfilled." Kope believes these developments affect all of us. "Manfred has an amazing testimony and is uniquely qualified to address these issues."

Anyone wishing to attend the speaking engagement will be warmly welcomed. Kope says a special invitation is being extended to our native brothers and sisters. There is no charge for this event; however a free-will offering will be made available. For more information, call the Chinook Winds Christian Centre at 335-3323.

Working to increase Awareness

The mystery surrounding illnesses like Fibromyalgia (FMS), Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) need not remain unsolved- or at the very least, not misunderstood. This is the hope of workers like Betty Penner who leads the Olds and District Fibromyalgia Support Group and who is helping organize awareness activities in Olds and Didsbury for the International ME/CFS/FMS Awareness Day on May 12th.

"This is a very mysterious disease," says Penner who has had to deal with the symptoms of FMS for 11 years now. "I initially thought I must just have some kind of flu when I first went to the doctor all those years ago. They ran numerous tests before narrowing it down to Fibromyalgia."

Fibromyalgia - for which there is no known cure - is a widespread musculoskeletal pain and fatigue disorder that can and usually does affect individuals who have previously been active, productive and vibrant members of the community.

Penner says few people are aware of the prevalence of ME/FMS and CFS in society. Studies indicate, for example, that the occurrence of these diseases is as high as 220 per 100,000 people or almost 3 in 1000. In Alberta alone, there are 1000 known sufferers. "We are hopeful to bring a heightened level of understanding to the public with our Awareness activities. May 12th was chosen to commemorate the birthdate of Florence Nightingale, the heroic English army nurse who inspired the founding of the International Red Cross and who was bedridden for the last 50 years of her life with a disease that modern doctors believe was ME," explains Penner who looks forward to seeing the proclamation issued by Didsbury Town Council in the upcoming weeks. "We are going to be setting up a display table at the library here in Didsbury and at the Olds Value Drug Mart in Olds. We are really hoping to reach as many people as possible."

In the meantime, anyone wishing to join the open support group is encouraged to come to the meetings being held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (5038-49 St., Olds) lower hall from 7 pm - 9pm the fourth Thursday of each month. For more information, call Mel at 335-3672 or Ruby at 556-6679.



Betty Penner



Gerard Fournier

Arbor Day Activities ready to Grow

If you have a wheelbarrow, a hoe and a little elbow grease, you're qualified to join in on the Arbor Day activities being planned by the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board (DEAB) Saturday, May 5th starting at 9:30 am.

Gerard Fournier, a member of DEAB and owner of For Trees Landscaping, says the workbee is badly needed to help cultivate and clean up the trees in the Habitat Renewal Area located next to Westglen School in town. "We are hoping to get as many volunteers out that day as possible. It only takes a short time to complete if there are enough hands working away."

But there's more to DEAB's Arbor Day activities than just work. "At 11:00 am, we are hopeful that Mayor Ray Lea will be in attendance to plant the tree at the ceremony we will be holding right at the site. It's a Hawthorne that's been donated to us by Bob Davidson. Aspen Lane Farms (Mitch Miller) was kind enough to donate the use of a tree spade for us again this year," says Fournier. "We will also be placing two commemorative stones that say Arbor Day 2000 and 2001. One will be placed next to the tree we planted last year and one for this year." The stones for Arbor Day were donated by Somerville Memorials.

Anyone wishing to take part in this year's Arbor Day activities is encouraged to attend the activities Saturday, May 5th at 9:30 am. "We are counting on a good turnout this year. It's really a community effort that we are looking forward to seeing take place."

Didsbury to bid on 2002 Train Dispatcher's Convention

If all goes as planned, by this time next year the Town of Didsbury could be preparing to host the 2002 Train Dispatcher's Convention. "Assuming we are awarded the bid for this, the Canadian Association of Train Dispatchers would bring up to 100 representatives to town for their annual reunion," says Don Watt. "The event is scheduled to take place sometime around mid-May, 2002."

Watt learned of the possibility for hosting the Convention from long-time friend and former Didsburian, Ken Armstrong. "Ken (now living in a suburb of Detroit, Michigan) was a dispatcher for CP Rail in Didsbury for two years and once organized their conference in Calgary. At that time, the dispatchers mentioned they were looking for a smaller venue to hold their convention, and Ken automatically recommended Didsbury."

This is not the first time Ken Armstrong has attracted activities from CP Rail to the town of Didsbury. "Ken was also instrumental in bringing the Christmas Train to town this past winter. It was unfortunate that it couldn't happen at night, but we are hopeful to see the train come through again next year a little later in the day."

Watt explains that while Ken has been instrumental in attracting the group to Didsbury, the decision on whether the Convention will be held here or not is still undetermined, and won't likely be known until the fall. "Much of the planning needed to host this kind of an event has not even begun yet obviously. We are still waiting to hear what the verdict is from the Canadian Association of Train Dispatchers."

Nonetheless, Watt anticipates substantial benefits for the community if the bid for the convention does materialize. "The economic spin-off for this kind of an event would be wonderful for the Town of Didsbury. Not only would it mean revenue for the campground, hotel and motels, but also the local businesses. It's truly a win/win situation."



Don Watt

Focus on the Family



QUESTION: I have very little time to spend with my children these days, but I make sure the hours we do get to spend together are meaningful. Do you agree that the quality of time you are with your kids is more important than the quantity?

DR. DOBSON: I'm afraid the logic of that concept is flawed to me. The question is, why do we have to choose between the virtues of quantity vs. quality? We won't accept that forced choice in any other area of our lives. So why is it relevant only to our children? Let me illustrate my point.

Let's suppose you've looked forward all day to eating at one of the finest restaurants in town. The waiter brings you a menu, and you order the most expensive steak in the house. But when the meal arrives, you see a tiny piece of meat about 1 inch square in the center of the plate.

When you complain about the size of the steak, the waiter says, "Sir, I recognize that the portion is small, but that's the finest corn-fed beef money can buy. You'll never find a better bite of meat than we've served you tonight. As to the portion, I hope you understand that it's not the quantity that matters, it's the quality that counts."

You would object, and for good reason. Why? Because both quality and quantity are important in many areas of our lives, including how we relate to children. They need our time and the best we have to give them. My concern is that the quantity vs. quality argument might be a poorly disguised rationalization for giving our children neither.

QUESTION: My marriage seems beyond repair to me. My husband is running around with other women and threatening to divorce me. Is there really any hope for us?

DR. DOBSON: It's difficult to say without knowing the details, but I can tell you this. I've seen dozens of families who were in your fix but are now happy and whole. I taught a class for young married couples for a number of years, and right there under my nose, infidelity was a surprisingly common event. There was one period of time during which I dealt with 19 different couples where extramarital affairs had either occurred or were seriously threatening. These families are still known to me, and nine of them are apparently happily married today.

Though this percentage may seem low, remember that these were families on the verge of divorce and have now survived many years. Loving toughness played a definite role working through their difficulties. So yes, hope springs eternal, as well it should. Let me give you another word of encouragement. Nothing can seem so fixed but change so rapidly as human emotions. When it comes to romantic endeavors, feelings can turn upside down in a day or two.

I've seen husbands or wives who expressed hatred for their spouses, saying, "I never want to see you again," only to find weeping into the other person's arms some hours later. So hang tough.

You may yet be able to preserve what is precious to you. I hope there are better days ahead for you and your husband.

QUESTION: How do you feel about corporal punishment as a deterrent to school misbehavior. Do you believe in spanking our students?

DR. DOBSON: Corporal punishment is not effective at the junior and senior high school levels, and I do not recommend its application. It can be useful for elementary students, especially with amateur clowns (as opposed to hard-core troublemakers).

For this reason, I am opposed to abolishing spanking in elementary schools because we have systematically eliminated the tools with which teachers have traditionally backed up their word.

We're down now to a precious few. Let's not go any farther in that direction.

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LIFESTYLES

The decision to donate your organs could save a life

The decision to donate an individual's organs after their death saves lives. But despite the difference this decision can make, too few Canadians are making this lifesaving choice. Canada has one of the lowest rates of organ donation among developed countries worldwide - and in recent years, it has been falling even lower. As part of National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 23 to 29, 2001, The Kidney Foundation of Canada is distributing a free guide to encourage families to talk about organ and tissue donation.

Right now, there are more than 3,500 Canadians waiting for an organ transplant. Approximately 80 percent of these people are waiting for a kidney. Experts estimate that up to 30 percent of those on waiting lists will die before they can have a transplant. "The growing incidence of kidney disease and the low rates of organ donation have combined to make life much more difficult for people whose kidneys have failed, and who are awaiting a transplant," says Linda Spencer, director of programs for the Kidney Foundation's Southern Alberta Branch. Today, more than 110 Southern Albertans are waiting for a kidney transplant.

The Kidney Foundation has developed a family discussion guide, Let's TalkAbout It, which encourages families to share their feelings about organ donation. "In Alberta, the final decision about organ donation rests with an individual's family," says Spencer. "While people can indicate their wishes by signing their Alberta Health Care cards, the final decision is up to family members." for which statistics are available, there were 415 cadaveric organ donors, compared to 429 in 1997. The Canadian organ donation rate is 13.7 donors per million population, compared to 31.5 donors per million

population in Spain.

In 1998, 107 Canadians died while waiting for a transplant. "Organ transplants enhance the health and quality of life for people with kidney disease, but they also significantly reduce the costs to the health care system," Spencer says. Transplantation - compared to dialysis - reduces the cost of treating kidney failure by as much as 60 per cent each year.

"If there is open dialogue within the family about organ donation, people are more confident that they are making the right decision, should the unthinkable happen to their loved one," Spencer adds.

Copies of the Let's TalkAbout It family discussion guide are available at no charge by calling the Kidney Foundation at (403) 255-6108 (1-800-268-1177 outside Calgary).

As the only national organization dedicated to helping those living with kidney disease, The

Kidney Foundation of Canada plays a vital role in improving patient's quality of life through funding medical research, providing financial assistance and educating the public on the importance of organ donation.

Canada has one of the lowest rates of organ donation in developed countries world-wide.

The Canadian organ donation rate has fallen to 13.7 donors per million population, compared to rates of 31.5 donors/million in Spain, and 22.7 donors/million in the United States.

In 1998, 107 Canadians died waiting for an organ transplant. In 1999, 22 Albertans died waiting for an organ transplant. 80 percent of the patients waiting for an organ transplant are waiting for a kidney. Today, more than 3,500 Canadians are waiting for an organ transplant. Thirty percent of these people will likely die before they receive a transplant.

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See You in Church This Sunday!

Around the Circle**Outreach school presents talent show and art display**

by Marge St. Clair

Thurs. April 26

The students at Didsbury Outreach School are presenting a Talent Show and Art Display at the 5-0 club at 7:30 pm. A light lunch is being served, tickets are available at the school.

Sat. April 28 & Sun April 29th

The Alberta Community Arts Club central zone show will be hosted by the Olds Art Club at the Evergreen Hall in Olds. Sat hours are 1 pm-9 pm and Sun. 11 am-3 pm. Everyone welcome.

Sat. April 28

The Coburn W.I. chartered April 26, 1951 will hold its 50th anniversary at the Coburn Hall with a tea and social at 2:00 pm. All info by phoning Terri Loree at 556-2640.

Mon. April 30

The annual meeting of the Olds Co-op Association will be held at the Olds Legion Hall with supper at 6:30 pm, tickets available at the Co-op offices in Carstairs and Olds until April 24.

Tues. May 1

The Alzheimer Support Group will meet at the Olds Hospital from 12 pm-1:30 pm. All info by phoning Lori Fuchs 556-8549.

Thurs. May 3

The Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary will meet in the assembly room at the Didsbury Hospital at 2:00 pm. New members always welcome.

Fri. May 4

The 4th annual Mayors Prayer Breakfast is being held at Westglen School 8:00 am. Guest speaker is the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Her Honour Lois Hole. Tickets are available at the Town office, Didsbury Drugs, and Contemporary Graphics.

Fri. May 4

The seniors dance will be held at the 5-0 Centre from 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm.

Library News**Wireless Internet connection installed at Didsbury library**

We have been busy at the library lately getting the new wireless Internet connection installed. Computer users will be impressed with the enhanced Internet access and staff is enjoying the improved efficiency at the checkout desk that this brings.

If you have the Internet at home, check out our new web page: <http://dml.prl.ab.ca>. From our site you can search the catalogue and place holds on books anywhere in the Parkland Regional Library. You can get information on your own books and holds and even renew them! We are also in the process of posting links to some of our favourite sites! If you do not have Internet access at home, remember you can log on to a computer at the library. There is no charge for this, but computer users will be asked to sign a "User Agreement Form" which requires them to ad-

Wonderful music, excellent lunches, come and enjoy.

Sat. May 5

The South Central zone of the Alberta Elks and Royal Purple Associations are holding the annual Walk-a-Thon starting at 10:00 am. 56 Lodges are involved and will start and end at the Elks Hall, covering 10 km on 20th Ave E past the hospital, around the ring road (582), past schools, up Westhill and Westheights Drives, down 15th Ave, around Southridge, etc. All proceeds are for the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for children, promoting drug awareness and promoting early deaf detection, etc., etc. Your support of the red wagon travelling the route will be duly appreciated.

Mon. May 7

The Didsbury Skating Club is holding the Annual General Meeting at 7:00 pm. at the Memorial Complex, all skating parents are urged to attend.

Mon. May 7

The Chamber of Commerce will meet at the 5-0 Centre, supper is at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. Phone the office 335-3265 for details.

Tues. May 8

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club are honouring the "Grads of 2001" at a Dessert Evening from 7 pm - 9:15 pm at the Municipal Complex MP room. Feature - "Woolly Critters" - Alpacos with Ruth Alvstad. Music - "Shear Delight" - Duncalfe Trio- Tina, Kim, and Merla Mae. Speaker - "Spinning a Yarn" John Fisher- hockey coach from Edmonton. For reservations or rides, please phone Nancy 337-3200 or Margie 335-3765. Babysitting is available.

Tues. May 8

An open house is being held at Spruce Ridge Christian School for grades E.C.S. to grade 12. Please phone 637-2449 for all the details.

Alberta Elks and Royal Purple present 18th annual Walk-A-Thon

The South Central Zone Walk-A-Thon will be held in Didsbury on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at 10am. There will be 56 lodges involved. The walk will be on 20 Ave, past the hospital, around Ring Road, past the school, up Westhill and Westheights, down 15 Ave., around Southridge, starting and ending at the Didsbury Elks Hall. It is a 10 km walk or run. Come cheer them on and if you care to support, a red wagon will be traveling the route. All proceeds go to The Elks and Royal Purple Fund for children. Providing assistance to children in need, promoting drug awareness, promoting early deaf detection and treatment and a major supporter for the Institute for stuttering treatment and research and its programs.

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Nominations must be postmarked no later than June 4, 2001. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Nomination packages are available at local MLA constituency offices, regional health authority offices, Alberta Health and Wellness and online at www.health.gov.ab.ca.

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Most drivers don't worry about consequences of speed

Many Alberta drivers admit they don't worry about the consequences of their own speeding, according to a survey conducted by the Alberta Speed Management Group (ASMG).

The ASMG is a MISSION POSSIBLE partnership of traffic safety stakeholders who work together to manage speed through advocacy efforts, speed limit reviews, education and awareness programs, and focused enforcement across police jurisdictions.

Researchers contacted 801 residents by telephone in towns across the province, to determine their attitudes around speeding and other high-risk driving behaviours.

The research found:

- More than one half of the respondents viewed speeding by other drivers as a "major threat" to their personal safety and to their family's safety.

- When asked, unprompted, to identify dangerous driving behaviours, almost two-thirds of respondents (63%) named "speeding". In fact, speeding was the number one response, ahead of impaired driving, weaving in and out of traffic, driver inattention and tailgating.

Despite the fact that respondents recognized speeding as an unsafe behaviour:

- 81% noted they had "driven 10km over the speed limit" in the past 12 months.

- 56% of drivers admitted they had exceeded the speed limit "five times or more," over the last 12 months.

- Over 70% of respondents admitted to speeding up to go through a yellow light and 60% indicated that they had slowed down but not stopped at a red light or stop sign.

"We're very concerned by these findings," says Scott Wilson of the Alberta Speed Management Group.

"It tells us that even though people recognize speeding may be a threat, they do it anyway. It appears we've got a long way to go in re-educating the

public about the dangers of speed."

The survey results are disconcerting, but not surprising to police.

Inspector Vince Caleffi of the Calgary Police Service says, "Speeding has become such an acceptable norm. It's like smoking was at one time or drinking and driving: people knew it was deadly but they did it anyway."

"We have a huge battle ahead of us. We're attempting to bring about a major cultural shift."

One way to influence that cultural shift may be to increase enforcement, says Staff Sergeant Kerry Nisbet of the Edmonton Police Service.

"We hope the threat of getting a ticket will be effective in changing these dangerous attitudes."

"Drivers may think it's painful to get a speeding ticket, but it's a lot less painful than experiencing the consequences of crashing at unsafe speeds."

Wilson notes that speed affects every aspect of driving: braking distance, the time it takes to recognize and react to an emergency, and the force of the impact itself. Many drivers do not understand that force of impact increases exponentially as speed increases—a crash at 100km/h is four times more severe than the same crash at 50km/h.

This is one reason, seven out of 10 traffic deaths in this province take place on rural roads: speeds are significantly higher, on average, than in urban crashes.

It is important that police services differentiate between rural and urban traffic issues, says Staff Sergeant Steve MacDonald, RCMP "K" Division. "Our research indicates that seatbelt non-usage, stop sign violations and impaired driving are major issues for the RCMP in rural Alberta—so we need to target all components, including speed violations."

Research from around the world suggests speed is a contributing factor in over 30 per cent of fatal crashes; however

there is little Alberta-specific research on the role of speed in collisions.

The Alberta Speed Management Group will be exploring the issue of speed in depth.

During the month of April, police services across the province will be cracking down on speeders and high-risk drivers through an integrated enforcement campaign.

In support of police efforts across the province, partners in MISSION POSSIBLE have launched a television, radio, billboard and print campaign featuring the tag line: speed will catch up with you.

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traffic safety partnership working to reduce the number and severity of collisions on Alberta's roads. Partners include the Alberta Motor Association, municipal and rural police services, Alberta Motor Transport Association, regional health au-

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Sunday April 29, 11-3 pm
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PUBLIC SAFETY & SOUR GAS

Invitation to an Open House on Public Safety, Sour Gas & the EUB

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) is holding an open house in Sundre to roll-out its proposed Public Safety and Sour Gas Implementation Plan for the upcoming year.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the EUB's proposal for addressing the 87 recommendations of the Provincial Public Safety and Sour Gas Advisory Committee. Community citizens, landowners, industry and government representatives are invited to hear the EUB's proposal and to provide feedback in an interactive information session.

When: Thursday, May 3, 2001

Where: Sundre West Country & Senior's Centre
#4, 101 - 2 Ave. N.W.
Sundre, Alberta

Time: 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Program: 4:00 p.m. Open house start time
(informal discussion)

7:00 p.m. EUB presentation and discussion period
(questions and answers)

EUB staff from the Public Safety Implementation Team will be in attendance to meet with the public and other stakeholders, present the EUB's proposed plans for dealing with sour gas development issues, and answer questions. A short presentation, information materials, and the opportunity for questions and discussion are all planned for the event.

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Scrapbooking

12 Hour crop and shop at 5-O club, 2500 15th Ave. Didsbury. Saturday, June 23, Noon to Midnight. \$20.00 per person. For more info, contact Debbie Brazzale at 335-3870.

Senior Bus Trip

May 16 the Senior's Bus is taking a trip to Stage West for the play "Sound of Music". Reservations are to be in by April 26. Phone Florence at 335-3327.

DIDSBURY

MVCW Club

Dessert evening, Didsbury Memorial Complex, multi-purpose room. \$5.00 per person. Tuesday May 8, 2001, 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. Reservations are essential - Call Nancy 337-3200 or Margie 335-3765.

CARSTAIRS Artist Show

The Carstairs Artist Guild Annual Show and Sale will be held at the Half Century Club (1139 - Osler St.) in Carstairs, Friday, May 4, 12 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited.

OLDS

Annual General Meeting

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills P.C. Association, Annual General Meeting, Friday, April 27 at 8:00a.m. Location: Olds, Smitty's Pancakes. Cost: \$10.00, all the pancakes you can eat.

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Westcott Annual Meeting

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Westcott Community Garage Sale, Saturday, May 5, 2001 from 9:00 to 4:00, to book a table call Theresa at 335-3530. Garage sale items, crafts, baking, sewing, etc. Tables free for members. \$2 for non-members.

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Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

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LIFESTYLES

Early detection key to saving lives to colorectal cancer

Colorectal cancer ranks as the second most frequent cause of cancer deaths for Canadians -- only lung cancer takes more lives, according to cancer statistics released by the Canadian Cancer Society in collaboration with Statistics Canada and Health Canada's Cancer Bureau.

The good news is that the number of people per 100,000 who are diagnosed with colorectal cancer and the number of people per 100,000 who die of the disease have declined steadily over the past 15 years.

Since 1972, colorectal cancer death rates for women have dropped almost 50 per cent, with men lagging behind at 25 per cent. Since 1985, colorectal cancer incidence rates among Canadian men have dropped by eight per cent, and among women by 19 per cent.

"We're heartened to see rates declining," says Dr. Barb Whyllie, Director, Cancer Control Policy, Canadian Cancer Society.

"However, we also know that the total number of new cases of colorectal cancer diagnosed each year has risen significantly among both men and women and this alarming trend will continue as the population ages and grows. It's frustrating because we know this is a trend that could be slowed down as colorectal cancer has great potential to be prevented from occurring in the first place, and responds well to treatment if detected early.

"People may delay discussing symptoms with their doctors because they are too embarrassed and, as a result, diagnosis can be delayed. For colorectal cancer, the difference between an early and late diagnosis can mean the difference between life and death. We know that the key to fighting colorectal cancer is to raise awareness of symptoms and risk factors. We want people to feel comfortable talking to their doctors about it. Quite simply, it could save their lives." In Alberta it is estimated that over 1300 people will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2001.

Canadian Cancer Statistics 2001 provides a cancer progress report for

Canada. This year colorectal cancer is highlighted to shed light on this disease, which is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer for both men and women. Estimates are that over 400 Albertans will die of colorectal cancer this year.

"The reason for the declining trends in incidence and death rates are not known with certainty, but likely arise as a combination of improvement in colorectal cancer. The statistics show that the greater decline in death rates for women arose, in part, because the decline in incidence was greater among women than men.

"Our sense is that women have been more likely to adopt healthier lifestyles to reduce their risks," says Dr. Hohn McLaughlin, a professor of epidemiology at the Samuel Lunenfeld Institute who supports the Canadian Cancer Society in preparing the report. "For instance, adopting a diet lower in fat and higher in vegetables, fruits and whole grains, and doing regular exercise are believed to reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer."

Dr. Howard Njoo, Director of the Cancer Bureau, Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Health Canada, says that consideration should also be given to whether the decrease in rates may be due to increased use of early detection or screening. Screening and diagnostic procedures for colorectal cancer include the fecal occult blood test and scoping procedures that allow direct visualization of the colon (sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy).

"The intent of these screening tools is to detect cancer at an early stage when it can be treated effectively," says Njoo. "An important feature of colorectal cancer is that there are pre-cancerous polyps or lesions that can be removed if detected, which means that cancer doesn't have a chance to develop.

"While early detection or screening may have contributed to the decreasing incidence and death rates in Canada, it doesn't account for the differences between men and women. Further research to address these questions is

needed. Currently, consensus is emerging internationally about the benefits of population-based screening for colorectal cancer. This is under consideration in Canada."

Whyllie adds that until guidelines for population-based colorectal cancer screening are established, the Canadian Cancer Society recommends that people between 50 and 75 talk to their doctors about having a screening test to detect colorectal cancer.

"Approximately 20 per cent of all colorectal cancer occurs in people who have a family history of the disease," says Whyllie. "If you have a strong family history of colorectal cancer, your doctor may suggest screening tests starting at an earlier age. We also urge all Canadians to improve their eating habits and to increase their physical activity, as research is continuing to show that these actions can help prevent colorectal cancer."

Whyllie adds that the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control, which is currently being developed, addresses all aspects of cancer control, including prevention and early detection - both of which are crucial for decreasing incidence and death rates for colorectal cancer. The Strategy document states that population-based screening for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer can re-

duce cancer mortality by about five or 7,000 fewer deaths each year by 2015. The Strategy's recommendations, which will include recommendations about screening, will be announced later this year.

Health Canada analysts have predicted that the number of new cancer cases will increase by 70 per cent by the year 2015 because of the aging and growing population. The goal of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control Society and its research partner the National Cancer Institute of Canada, Health Canada, Statistics Canada, Provincial/Territorial Cancer Registries and university-based researchers.

The Canadian Cancer Society is a national community-based organization of volunteers whose mission is to eradicate cancer and to improve the quality of life of people living with cancer.

To inform Canadians about colorectal cancer and to help people talk to their doctors about this disease, the CCS offers a variety of material on this subject. This material is available through Society community offices or by visiting our website; www.cancer.ca. In addition, Canadians can call the Society's national, toll-free bilingual Cancer Information Service at 1-888-939-3333 for information about colorectal cancer.

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County approves wild boar hunting facility

by Carla Victor

Residents in the area south of Sundre have mixed feelings about a wild boar hunting facility that received approval by Mountain View County council, April 18.

Doug and Tammy Darr made an application to start a wild boar hunting facility on 61 acres of their quarter section of land, south of Sundre.

Tammy Darr explained to county council the 61 acres they intended to use for hunting was swamp land and was no good for growing crops or grazing.

She said this business would allow the them to earn an income off their land.

This would be a year round hunting facility and the Darrs are hoping to attract local and international hunters.

Wild boar would be brought in from an already existing breeder near the proposed property for specific hunts, they would not be raised on the hunting site.

Otto Seidel, a neighbour to the Darrs said he will be appealing the decision because the more he thinks about it the less he likes the idea of people hunting next door to him all year.

"I will appeal it, I don't feel right about it. This area is too populated for a business like this, it is too close to town," said Seidel, adding he is a hunter and has nothing against the sport, but in his opinion, this is not the kind of hunting he would take part in. "I hunt but I don't think it is hunting - taking an animal, locking it up and shooting it."

Five other area residents, who did not want to be named, were interviewed, they all offered mixed opinions but agreed that proper fencing is very important if this business is going to coexist in a farming community.

"They aren't that easy to contain, and they aren't very friendly," said one county resident. "They charge cattle - I



Residents near Sundre have concerns about what wild boars will do to their farms if they ever free themselves from their enclosures.

photo by Carla Victor

don't trust them at all."

Another neighbour stated: "my main concern is that the people make sure the wild boars stay where they should be, and not get out bothering neighbours."

"If they do it properly, I don't mind."

One resident stated he would like to meet with people in the area to see what the general consensus was before deciding whether or not he would appeal the county's approval of this business.

Another resident said that from his experience, "if you injure a domestic pig and don't

kill it, it takes an awful lot to stop them, they can run through anything - they just go. They don't care, that is the nature of pigs."

"I would be very wary of a wild boar in my yard," he said. "I would chase it out, but I would make sure I had something hefty with me to whack it if it came for me."

Darr stated that containment and safety is her and her husband's number one priority.

"We want this to be a success, if wild boar are escaping we would lose money."

"We also live with our family out there so we wouldn't

want anything going wrong either," said Darr.

Darr stated that people are already showing interest in the business calling and asking when they can book a hunt.

Duane Parkin, owner of Wilderness Sports and Taxidermy, in Sundre, said he thinks the Darrs business is a good idea. "Anything that can bring people to the area is a good idea. All local merchants will benefit from this, supply stores, motels, butchers, gas stations, taxidermy and restaurants."

He said since the news of the wild boar hunting was in local papers people have been

in his store asking about it, wondering when they can go hunting.

County Planner John Rusling confirmed a permit is necessary for this business application. "There was a comment at the meeting, by a councillor, that the Darrs didn't need a permit for this, but it is a business, and you need a permit to run a business in this county."

Both Rusling and Larry Rice, ag field man for the county, said they didn't know of any past complaints about existing wild boar in the area.

Until this application was made the county didn't know wild boar existed in this county.

County approved the application (4-2, Pat James and Dave Derksen against) with the following conditions:

*The applicant must obtain required Provincial approvals and permits.

*A maximum number of hunters on the site at any one time will be two rifle hunters or four bow hunters.

*Prior to issuance of this permit, the site will be fenced to the satisfaction of development officer.

*Hunters will be guided at all times. Shooting along the road will not be allowed.

*Liability insurance in the amount of \$5 million will be carried by the applicant and will include Mountain View County as an additional name insured.

*If animals escape, neighbours will be immediately contacted.

*Any changes or expansion of the operation will require a new permit.

*This permit will be reviewed by Mountain View County in six months and will be void if conditions are not satisfied.

Residents wishing to appeal this business development must submit a letter of appeal to the county along with an appeal fee of \$300.

New group wants to foil large 'factory farmers'

by Steve Srubowich

Two Foremost-area farm women are spearheading the Canadian chapter of a North American coalition opposed to large-scale intensive livestock operations.

Lisa Bechthold and Carol Hougen helped launch the first Canadian chapter of GRACE.

GRACE stands for the Global Resource Action Centre for the Environment which is a New York-based non-profit organization.

The North American group

have committed themselves to eliminating what they call factory farms in favour of smaller operations which they consider better on several levels.

Bechthold and Hougen were the founders of the grassroots citizens group called Citizens Advocating Public Health and Environmental Responsibility which fought the Taiwan Sugar Corporation from establishing a proposed 80,000 hog farm in the County of Forty Mile last year. That proposal was denied by the county's municipal plan-

ning commission and its development and appeal board.

"Factory farming is becoming one of the largest environmental disasters in the United States," Hougen said. "GRACE is helping to save Canada from the waste spills, fish kills odour problems, and even health problems that are plaguing people across the central part of the U.S."

Bechthold said Canada can learn a lot about the mistakes made south of the 49th parallel. "Besides the environmental

catastrophe in the United States caused by factory farming, the overcrowded conditions of the animals has led to the overuse of antibiotics, which are beginning to become resistant to bacteria, and market increase in cases of food poisoning. Walkerton, Ontario was relatively small number of animals, think of the disaster that is being set up in your community when you crowd thousands of cows and pigs into a concentrated area."

The pair feel more Albertans

and other Canadians are growing alarmed about the threats they perceive lurking in so-called factory farms.

They cite water quality, the environment, human health, the future of family farms and overall quality of life as areas large intensive livestock operations impact. The Flagstaff County Family Farm Promotional Society is also thinking of filing an appeal with the federal government for them to conduct an environmental impact assessment.

BUSINESS

Farmers can save money on fuel through efficiency

Increased fuel prices promise to chew at already tightening producer margins. But engineers at the Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development AgTech Centre in Lethbridge say farmers can increase their tractor's fuel efficiency this spring by considering five key areas affecting fuel consumption.

"Fuel efficiency varies depending on the type of equipment, travel speed and numerous other factors," says Reed Turner, an AgTech Centre engineer. "But one of the crucial factors is tire pressure."

A recent study conducted at the Centre shows correct tire pressure significantly reduces fuel consumption and time in the field. Reduced power delivery, decreased traction, uneven tread wear and soil rutting result when tires are over-inflated, says Turner.

Under-inflated tires increase sidewall wear and raise the risk of sidebuckling and rim slip - occurrences not conducive to fuel efficiency, he says.

"Instead, tires should be inflated to the lowest correct level for a particular load as outlined in the manufacturer's tire inflation tables. By using the correct tire inflation pressure for the load, a little more of the tire sits on the ground, significantly increasing the power delivery efficiency and decreasing fuel consumption," explains Turner.

Another way to save on fuel is to put off buying those new tires for another year, if the old ones are still structurally sound and can still do the job, he says. "Long lugs are great for squeezing out the mud in wet conditions, but under good traction conditions, longer lugs just use more energy."

Fuel efficiency is also affected by other tire factors including overloading, tire type and number of tires used. Turner recommends radials over bias-ply tires, as AgTech Centre and other studies show radials improve traction by six percent. Using duals and triples under normal field conditions can decrease fuel efficiency.

For ideal tractor efficiency, match the tractor's power to the load being pulled, says Turner. But if that can't be done, farmers have another option to save on fuel while they're in the field. "When a load requires less than 70 percent of the tractor's power, a farmer can save fuel by shifting to a

higher gear and slowing engine rpm to maintain the desired speed."

This practice is sometimes referred to as Gear Up, Throttle Back (GUTB). In GUTB mode, the engine is loaded correctly, bringing it back to the 'sweet spot' where fuel

is used most efficiently, he says.

Weighting the tractor for fuel efficiency is also key. "Most farmers reach the upper limits of their tractor's power only 15 to 20 percent of the time, making it essential to weight (ballast) the tractor

for typical conditions instead of maximum needs," Turner says.

Farmers usually ballast their tractor for the worst case scenario. But it's more efficient to ballast for the typical loads pulled the rest of the year.

Over-ballasted tractors will probably feel sluggish and on top of burning more fuel than they should, may have premature drive-train problems. An under-ballasted tractor wears tire tread faster while never delivering full power to the drawbar.

Fuel is wasted because of the extra wheel revolutions. Finally, farmers should use the right fuel for the season, says Turner. Winter fuel is blended lighter, delivering less energy per litre, so it shouldn't be used in the summer.



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Annual crops Provide Emergency Pasture

by Gordon Hutton, Forage Crop Specialist, Airdrie

With the dry conditions experienced in 2000, many producers are looking at pasture alternatives in 2001 to provide rest for their existing range and tame pasture areas. Annual crops are the most common option to provide emergency pasture. For most cropping areas spring and winter cereals provide the best alternative. Other annual crops such as Italian ryegrass can be used for annual pasture but are restricted to good moisture conditions.

In developing annual cereal pastures we have basically three options. First we can seed a pure stand of spring cereal. Oats or barley are best suited to this with oats being the easier to manage for grazing. Spring cereals will be ready for grazing in about 5 to 6 weeks after seeding or when there is about 8 inches of growth. Spring cereals can generally provide grazing from mid June through to late July.

A second option is to seed a mixture of spring and winter cereal. By combining the two cereals you can extend the potential grazing period by adding the late season regrowth of the winter cereals. Oats are generally the best spring cereal option while for winter cereals fall rye, winter triticale or winter wheat can be used. Fall rye or winter triticale are more productive

than winter wheat in the fall months and are better suited to the drier areas. For this type of annual pasture the spring cereal should be seeded at 25 lbs per acre while the winter cereal should be seeded at 80 to 100 lbs per acre. If possible cross seed the winter cereal to the spring cereal. This will reduce in row competition between the cereals and result in better stand establishment for the winter cereal. Grazing should start when eight inches of growth has developed on tile spring cereal or before the boot stage. In good moisture areas Italian ryegrass could be substituted for the winter cereal at a seeding rate of 10 to 12 lbs per acre.

The third option, is to spring seed a pure stand of winter cereal. This type of annual pasture will primarily provide mid summer and fall

grazing. Winter seedings are generally available for grazing within eight weeks of seeding. Grazing should begin when the winter crop is six inches tall. Fall rye is generally ready for grazing one to two weeks earlier than either winter triticale or winter wheat.

Annual pastures also require a good fertilization program. Ensure that phosphorus, potash and sulfur levels are adequate prior to seeding. Nitrogen can be applied at both seeding and in mid summer if a winter cereal or ryegrass is being used. Split applications of 30 to 50 lbs of nitrogen per acre will help in spreading out the seasonal growth. Be cautious with late season applications of nitrogen. High levels of nitrogen late in the season could result in a build up of nitrate in winter cereals or ryegrass grass

pastures.

To maximize the value of your annual pasture try to use a rotational grazing system. Grazing the annual pas-

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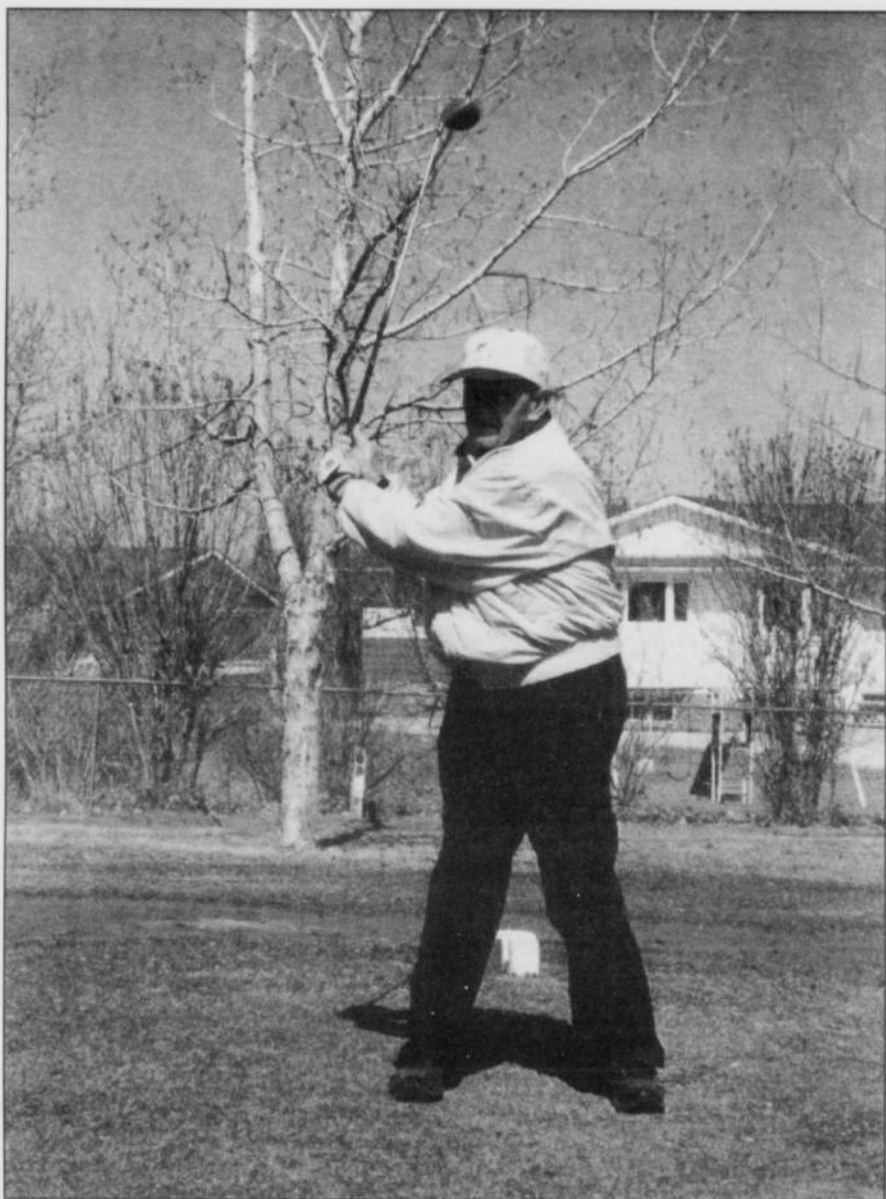


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Charles Topping takes a swing at the Didsbury Golf Course.

Back in the Swing of Things at the Didsbury Golf Club

Time to dust off your nine iron again. The Didsbury Golf Club is now officially open.

Despite unusually colder weather conditions throughout the month of April, Manager Al McCoy says there will be no problem getting the course up and running in time for another year's worth of golfing activity. "Our opening date this year is actually right on track with what it usually is each year. I believe we opened about the same time last year."

McCoy says while all the fairways and tee boxes are

ready to go, the 10 workers employed with the nine-hole golf course only need to wait for warmer temperatures before allowing play on any of the permanent greens.

Regardless, it will soon be business as usual at both the Club House and Pro Shop and, most importantly, out on the course.

"We will be holding our first Mens Night on May 7th, Ladies' Morning on May 8th and Seniors Morning on May 9th. The first Ladies' Night will be on May 9th."

Those interested in regis-

tering for Junior Golf are encouraged to come out to the Club House Thursday, May 3rd. "We will be accepting registrations throughout the day," says McCoy.

Golf enthusiasts already looking to hone skills at the tournament level will have to wait a bit longer. "We won't start our tournament schedule until late May or early June," McCoy explains.

Anyone wishing to find out further information about the 2001 season at the Didsbury Golf Club is encouraged to call 335-3635.

Grizzlys hand out year end awards

by Barry Williams

Success is often measured in many ways. Despite being eliminated in the semi-finals of the Alberta Junior Hockey League playoffs by the Drayton Valley Thunder 4-3 in a best-of-seven series, the Olds Grizzlys enjoyed a very successful season both on and off the ice.

According to Grizzlys' head coach and general manager, Brett Cox, the Grizzlys' year was built around more than just the endeavours on the ice as the coaching staff and players were present within the community working closely with minor hockey, schools and area businesses. Their presence was felt around the area as the support by the fans was tremendous throughout the regular schedule and into the playoffs.

Besides honing the skills of the players, the Grizzlys organization placed an emphasis in developing educational opportunities. In working closely with National Collegiate Athletic Association scouts representing various hockey programs, five Grizzlys were able to obtain NCAA scholarships at various post secondary institutions in the United States. With a value of over \$400,000 in NCAA scholarships, the Grizzlys established themselves as a leader in the AJHL in providing the players with educational possibilities. When the NCAA hockey season opens next year, four players from the 2000-2001 Grizzlys will be suiting up for different teams as four scholarships were awarded; Jared Mudryk, North Eastern University, Tyler Brosz, University of Minnesota-Duluth, David Erickson, Findlay and Colen Pappas, who played for the Grizzlys before being traded to the Bow Valley Eagles at the AJHL trading deadline, Bowling Green.

At the annual Grizzlys' year end awards ceremony held April 19 at the Olds Legion, Cox said the season, "was an incredible ride.

"The players, the executive, the coaching staff, the volunteers and all the fans should be very proud of this team," said Cox. "Everyone associated with this organization is dedicated and committed in keeping the Grizzlys a viable identity in Olds. All the players on this team were a class act and obviously this has to come from the parents, so parents give yourself a hand," he said in complimenting the behavior of the players at the rink, in the community and on the road.

"As president of the organization, I would like to congratulate Brett on doing a heck of a job this season," said Hugh Bodmer, who also commended the work put forth into the organization by business manager Al Graham, who received the Volunteer of the Year Award. Graham has been involved with the team since its inception and will be retiring from active duty.

Brosz was named as the Most Valuable Player as well as the Most Dedicated Player, which he shared with Aaron Sept, while Mudryk received the nod for the Rookie of the Year. The

Best Defenceman was Erickson with Brent Kisio receiving the President's Award. Kisio also shared the playoff Most Valuable Player Award with Jason Steenbergen. Claiming the Rock Solid Award was Pat McDonald with Mike Gerstenbuhler winning the Unsung Hero Award. Two players, John Haggis and Derek Rupprecht were named the Most Improved Player, while Ryan Huddy won the Most Improved Forward and Sean Offers the Most Improved Defenceman. Cox, in his first year behind the bench of the Grizzlys, led them to their best finish in league play since the team won the 1994-1995 Centennial Cup, emblematic of Junior A hockey supremacy in Canada.

Throughout the season, Cox placed an emphasis on team play and this was significant as the Grizzlys were the second highest scoring team in league play with Brosz and Mudryk finishing within the top ten in scoring.

Defensively, the Grizzlys were third in goals against average and were among the leaders in short handed goals.

The ink on the last scoresheet is barely dry and already the Grizzlys are preparing for the upcoming 2001-2002 season as the annual Spring Camp was held at the Olds Sportsplex from April 21-22.

Approximately 100 Bantam and Midget aged players attended the camp in an effort to be invited back to the main camp commencing towards the end of August. When the first puck is dropped for the 2001-2002 season, fans can expect some familiar names in the line-up, as the Grizzlys will be recruiting players from Airdrie to Red Deer and from Three Hills to Sundre.

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There will be a wedding shower for Sylvia Molenaar at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church at 7:30 p.m. on April 26. 2-21

BIRTH



Brian and Cindy Tippe are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Holly Carol-Lynn Ann on April 12, 2001. Weighing 8 lbs 10 oz at Rockyview Hospital, Calgary. A sweet little sister for Evan and Brennan. Special thanks to Dr. Puts and Dr. Gurevitch.

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The Community Support and response to the tragedy of Riley's accident is an overwhelming experience. The compassion of so many people around us is truly unbelievable. We are so lucky to live in such a wonderful place and be surrounded by so many wonderful and caring people. We hope our small community attitude and support never, ever changes. To everyone who prayed and gave best wishes to Riley and our family, thank you. Your prayers and wishes have been answered. Riley is recovering well from his accident and has been released from the Alberta Children's Hospital. Special thanks to: Becky Nickerson, Dr. Puts and Didsbury Nursing staff, Mountain View Paramedics and Ambulance service, Alberta Children's Hospital Doctors, Nurses and staff, Especially Dr. Harder and Dr. Jackie Smith, Bruce Robertson, James McCrae, and Ryan Christensen, Didsbury R.C.M.P., Phil Coming and All Didsbury School staff, Didsbury Minor Hockey, Riley's team mates, Fred Denischuk, Robyn Regner and Calgary Flames, and Sheila Robertson. All the Churches, Congregation and friends who prayed for Riley. The prayers were answered and many miracles have happened to save Riley's life and his arm. He is well on his way to recovery. To all our great neighbours, friends and relatives for all your support and best wishes. To our family for being strong, supportive and hanging in there through it all. We wish there was some way to repay each and everyone of you. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you ever so much, Riley Edwards, Gary and family.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to family, friends and close friends who were his pallbearers for their wonderful support during our loss and bereavement of our loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother-in-law and friend. Mel's long battle with his illness ended very peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, in the Foothills Hospital in Calgary. He received wonderful care from the hospital's doctors, nurses and staff for which we will always be grateful. To the staff of the Didsbury Hospital and especially Kay Wood for her gracious help in organizing Mel's monthly visits. To sister-in-law Doreen, niece Jody, friend and partner Jeremy, friend Jim, and Reverend Pahl for their beautiful tribute to Mel. To Ken Sherrick and Mountain View Funeral Chapel for their kind, caring service. To the ladies of the Missionary Church for the lunch and for the many cards, flowers and meals brought to the house. We will miss him always. The McEwen Family: Shirley, Colin, Heather, Shaun, Terrie, Barb, David and grandchildren.

We wish to extend our many thanks to friends, neighbors and relatives for the kindness and caring support shown us during Darin's recent illness. Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, visits and the cards and e-mail sent to Darin's home. He arrived home from the U of A hospital April 16 and hopes in time to fully recover from his major heart surgery. Bob and Jean Fulkert

Thank you for the flowers, food, phone calls and visits when I had surgery. Friends are wonderful. Dot Kershaw

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OBITUARY

KLEIN, Frances L. (Davis); passed away surrounded by her family on April 15, 2001 at the Rosedale Hospice in Calgary. She was born in Olds, Alberta on January 22, 1906 and touched many lives by teaching school in Alberta and British Columbia. She was predeceased by her son Harold in 1988 and her husband Wilfred in 1992. She is survived by two daughters, Wilma (Walter) Stadnyk of Palm Desert, California and Arlene (Kenneth) Wood of Airdrie, Alberta; 10 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren. Cremation. A Memorial Service was held at Rocky View Lodge, 1220 Hammond St., Crossfield, Alberta on Thursday, April 19, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Rocky View Lodge, PO Box 159, Crossfield, AB, T0M 0S0. Special thanks to the staff at the Rocky View Lodge and Unit 62, Foothills Hospital for their special care and attention.

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10 COMING EVENTS

EAU CLAIRE MARKET (Calgary, Alberta) seeking vendors for upcoming Farmer's Market which will run every Thursday starting June 7, 2001 from 4 - 8 p.m. Opportunity for agricultural based vendors and crafters/artisans to sell products in downtown/urban environment. Call 403-264-6450 for information. **awna**

13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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TOP NOTCH EXTERIORS

DIDSBURY LIBRARY is looking for a responsible energetic individual to plan and implement the Summer Reading Program for school age children. Term position is from June 12 to August 18, 40 hours per week, Tuesday through Saturday. Experience working with children essential, computer literacy an asset. Apply in writing to Didsbury Municipal Library, P.O. Bag 305, Didsbury, Alberta. T0M 0W0. Successful applicant will be at least 18 years old and demonstrate initiative and creativity. 2-11

PADNOMA SUPPORT SERVICES is a non-profit organization with the following mission: To enrich the community through the inclusion of all citizens. We currently have a variety of positions available in torronto, Sundre, Olds and Didsbury. The successful candidates will be flexible, eager to learn and willing to work as part of a team. Rehab Diploma and experience is an asset. Send resume to: Box 3835, Olds, AB T4H 1P5, or fax to 403-556-8582 by Monday, May 7, 2001. No phone calls please. Thank you to all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. 3-2t

SOMEONE NEEDED to help clean office buildings in Didsbury. Experience preferred but not necessary. Must be willing to provide RCMP criminal check. Approx. 15-20 hours/week, early evenings. Good wages. Phone 335-3385. All calls will be answered. Please leave a message. 2-11

JOHNSTON FOUNDATIONS Ltd. is looking to hire a hard worker with some construction experience. Call 556-5275. 3-2t

CARSTAIRS GOLF Club: applications are now being accepted for cook; part-time (approximately 25 hours per week) and dishwashers. Fax or bring in a resume to Carstairs Community Golf Club located 1 km north of Carstairs on Highway 2A. Telephone: 337-2058 - ask for Kris. Fax: 337-2458. 2-11

SUNTERRA FARMS is seeking enthusiastic, hard working individuals to join their hog production team west of Acme. All interested individuals, please contact Trish at 403-546-3818 or fax resume to 403-546-4179. 2-2t

MIDWAY PRIVATE Kindergarten is looking for a qualified teacher for a half-time position, starting in September 2001 school year. Midway Community School is a small Kindergarten to Grade 6 School, located in a farming community approximately 25 km east of Carstairs, AB. It boasts an exceptional staff with a wonderful complement of long-term teachers and teacher's aides, and energetic newcomers due to our increased enrollment. The school is very community orientated and has a very strong parent support network. This is not a ATA position, therefore salary will be determined by the estimated enrollment numbers at the time the contract is signed. The contract will be renewable annually. Traditionally Midway Kindergarten has run a Tuesday, Thursday, alternate Friday full-day program from the September start date. The class size has varied from 7 to 12 children over the past few years. Closing date for applications will be May 4, 2001. The parents of Midway thank all applicants in advance. Only those being interviewed will be contacted further by phone. For any further information, you can call Heidi at 337-2032. Resumes may be faxed to Heidi Nysten at (403) 337-2032 or sent to Midway Kindergarten c/o Heidi Nysten RRI Carstairs, AB T0M 0N0. 2-2t

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TRANSFEEDER INC. is a local hay processing company serving the global market in fibre-feed products. The Olds Highway Plant is currently hiring Production Workers. On the job training will lead to the operation of stationary and mobile equipment. Some manual lifting is required. Remuneration is based on an hourly wage plus production bonuses. If you are interested in joining our team, please apply in person at the Highway Plant Scale House, located one mile east of the Highway 2/Highway 27 junction, and two miles north on the access road. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Phone (403) 507-4607, fax (403) 556-4167. 2-2t

13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

THE TOWN OF Didsbury recreation and Facility Services Department is looking for a Summer Fun Coordinator. This part-time position will commence approximately May 7, 2001 and will conclude mid-August pending sufficient registration to run the program. If interested, please send resume to Alana Hagel at Box 790 Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0 or ahagel@town.didsbury.ab.ca before May 3, 2001. 2-11

WINGENBACK Inc. is a reputable manufacturing Co. looking to fill the following position at modern plant facility located in Crossfield. Drafting resource: Must have a minimum of 3 years experience in AutoCAD with a manufacturing background as well as a basic knowledge of Microsoft office. Excel spreadsheet knowledge is a definite asset. We offer competitive wages and benefits and are an equal opportunity employer. Please fax resumes to (403) 946-8961 or e-mail to heatherv@wingenback.com. 2-11

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Senator Colin Kenny to hear Canadians' reaction to government plan for tobacco

Senator Colin Kenny, author of the private member's bill 'The Tobacco Youth Protection Act,' announced his participation in a series of hearings to be held Monday, April 23, to Friday May 3, in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto and Montreal to hear Canadians' reaction to the tobacco control plan recently announced by the federal government.

"Many Canadians have requested an opportunity to speak in support of Bill S-15 and to address the government's alternative which clearly is not enough," said Senator Kenny.

"The government's announcement is a political solution to a health problem. What we need is a scientific solution," added the Senator.

Senator Kenny has been instrumental in getting the Senate committee reviewing Bill S-15 to go to Canadians where

they work and live to find out how they feel about the government's solution to a deadly problem. "Does the health community find this to be sufficient? Is it a case of Bill S-15 vs. S-15 light? That's why we are holding the hearings," Kenny said.

The tobacco control strategy recently announced by the Canadian government offers \$480 million of taxpayers' money over a period of five years, or \$96 million a year - considerably less than Bill S-15. The Bill would establish a foundation dedicated exclusively to reducing youth smoking and preserving the health of Canadian children.

The foundation would be funded by a levy on the sale of all tobacco products. Current sales figures indicate the proposed levy would generate approximately \$360 million annually in stable funding for re-

search and education programs.

The Atlanta Centres For Disease Control (CDC) estimates that a jurisdiction the size of Canada needs to spend between \$9 and \$22 per capita, depending on the needs of the community, to run an effective youth anti-smoking campaign. Canada now spends \$.66 per capita.

Adding an extra \$4 in excise tax on a carton of cigarettes, with only \$1.41 of that going to tobacco control programs, doesn't measure up to the CDC's scientific standards.

The reality is that nothing works with young people but well-funded, comprehensive programs.

Efforts in California have reduced the youth smoking rate to 6.9 per cent. The rate in Massachusetts has dropped to 24 per cent since 1996. Florida's comprehensive program

has resulted in a 40 per cent decline in smoking among junior high students in only two years.

California has pumped a significant amount of money into reversing a situation that used to be as bad as Canada's. It is now turning its aggressive anti-smoking campaign, the state estimates that it saved \$8.4 billion in health care costs directly or indirectly attributable to smoking. The State reaped \$3.62 for every dollar it spent on the program.

The strain of tobacco-related diseases on Canada's overburdened health care system averages \$3 billion per year. Indirect costs exceed \$7 billion. Canada could benefit from a comprehensive smoking cessation program that saves lungs while it saved money. The tobacco companies have agreed to it; the government has been reluctant.

New information source for growers

Committed to providing the most up-to-date and thorough seed information available to Western Canadian growers, Proven Seed debuted its enhanced and more user-friendly website today.

Still located at www.provenseed.com, the site provides growers with faster and easier access to up-to-date information on the best canola, forage, wheat, malting barley and Linola varieties. Along with varietal information, visitors can access the Variety Selection Program (VST), an interactive farm planning tool that helps farmers choose varieties based on agronomics, climate and soil type. The VSP uses field data collected through the eight years of Proven Seed's Local Performance Check Program, the largest seed performance trial program in Western Canada. The new site allows users to quickly navigate through a great deal of content and find the exact

information that they need.

"We are convinced that growers need all of the tools, both in the field and in the office, to remain competitive," says Jennifer Bailes, Customer Contact Marketing Coordinator, Proven Seed. "By offering thorough variety information and decision-making tools on our easier-to-use website we are helping growers achieve better results."

In addition, growers can better understand the role of Proven Seed's industry partners, including Pioneer Hi-Bred, the largest seed breeding company in the world, and gather production tips and information from Proven Seed experts on how to grow a more

marketable and profitable crop.

The site will also continue to offer local information about Proven Seed retailers, representatives, and Local Performance Check sites across Western Canada. As well, visitors can get custom recommendations for forages or canola, based on their farming needs. Lastly, the site will continue to

inform growers of the latest Proven Seed offers throughout the growing season, helping to maximize profitability, as well as production.

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SPORTS

Didsburians Qualify for Zone Two Game Playoffs

By Bea Niedersteiner

On April 10, at the Sundre Seniors Centre, the Zone 2 Area 6 floor curling playoffs took place. I am happy to report that Dids-

bury had two teams participate and both were winners. The 55 years + team consists of Jim Armour, Bill Jepps, Bob Jepps and Charlie Topping. The 70

years+ team is Elsie Phillips, Bernice Blois, Edith Luft and Mary White. These teams will travel to Oyen on May 4th to play in Zone 2 playoffs. The win-

ners in this event will go to Lethbridge for the Alberta Senior Games being held July 24 - 27. Good luck teams - go the last mile!!

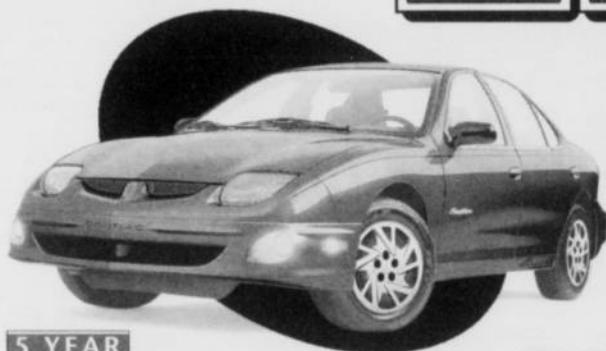
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